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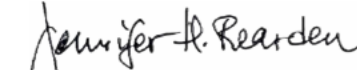
Application GRANTED. Defendant's surrender date is hereby  
adjourned to **January 9, 2025**.

**By ECF and Email**

The Honorable Jennifer H. Rearden  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate ECF No. 62. The Clerk of  
Court is further directed to provide a copy of this Order to Pretrial  
Services.

SO ORDERED.



Jennifer H. Rearden, U.S.D.J.

Dated: December 23, 2024

Re: *United States v. Mekhi McGowan*, 23 Cr. 372 (JHR)

Dear Judge Rearden:

I write on behalf of Mekhi McGowan to respectfully request an adjournment  
of his voluntary surrender date from January 2, 2025, through January 9, 2025, to  
allow his appearance at a hearing in the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial  
Circuit in Martin County, Florida on January 8, 2025. The hearing concerns a  
letter motion that Mr. McGowan filed in that court, requesting to have \$850 in  
Florida court fees converted to a civil lien.<sup>1</sup> Copies of Mr. McGowan's letter motion  
and the Court's Order setting a hearing are attached hereto as Exhibits A and B.

The Government takes no position on this request. Thank you for considering  
it.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ariel Werner

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cc: Juliana Murray, Assistant U.S. Attorney

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. McGowan's letter motion to the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial  
Circuit explained that he had a January 2, 2025, surrender date for his federal  
sentence.

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# EXHIBIT A

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Mekhi McGowan

Port Saint Lucie, Florida 34953

Dear Honorable Judge William L. Roby,

My name is Mekhi McGowan and i am writing you today per advice of my probation officer Erika Dodson in St Lucie County. I have completed the two years of my probation and have been struggling with the fees due to a New York federal case that I will be surrendering to prison for on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. I would like to fulfill my obligations to the state of Florida and pay in full all my supervision cost and court fees prior to my surrender date but I am unable to do so with such limited time and resources. If possible, I would like to request to have my court fees of eight hundred and fifty dollars turned into a civil lien that I can pay when i have completed my 30-month federal sentence. This would allow me to pay off the rest of my financial dues and supervision costs and have my probation terminated early with the state of Florida. Your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for time and service.

Sincerely, Mekhi McGowan

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## EXHIBIT B

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR  
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA,

CASE NUMBER: 43 2021 CF 001088 A

Plaintiff,

v.

MEKHI DEANDRE MCGOWAN,

Defendant.

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**ORDER SETTING HEARING**

This action was brought to the court on the Defendant's pro se Motion to Convert Court Fees to a Civil Lien, and

IT IS ORDERED:

The Defendant's pro se Motion to Convert Court Fees to a Civil Lien shall be heard before the Honorable William L. Roby in Courtroom A3-2 at the Martin County Courthouse located at 100 East Ocean Boulevard, Stuart, FL 34994, on **Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.**

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at Stuart, Florida, this 12 day of December, 2024.

  
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WILLIAM L. ROBY  
Circuit Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

A hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was sent by e-service or U.S. Mail to the individuals listed below on December 13, 2024.

  
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Judicial Assistant

Assistant State Attorney | Via e-service  
Mekhi Deandre McGowan | Via e-service

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**KREYOL:**

**Si ou se yon moun ki andikape epi ou bezwen nenpòt akomodasyon pou ou ka patisipe nan pwosè sa-a, ou gen dwa, san ou pa gen pou-ou peye anyen, pou yo ba-ou yon seri de asistans. Tanpri kontakte Administrasyon Tribunal-la, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 omwen 7 jou alavans jou ou gen pou-ou parèt nan tribunal-la, ouswa imedyatman kote ou resevwa notifikasyon-an si ke li mwens ke 7 jou; si ou soud ouswa bèbè, rele 711.**